

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 08-07-08**

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Commission Meeting: July 8, 2008, 9:00 a.m.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2008.1.6 – PSC Investigation of Qwest Corporation Rates – Reasonableness of Qwest rates – Consider and act upon Qwest's Motion for Protective Order-seeking protection of deployment of advanced services information in 6 urban areas, and carriers subscribing to special access. (7/8/08)

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2. D2007.2.18 – Chinook Wireless –Application for Designation as an ETC – Discuss the order on reconsideration. (7/10/08)
3. **Placeholder** – Organization of MISO States (OMS) comments to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) – Placeholder for possible comments by OMS to FERC. (7/10/08)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling, Review of Monthly Calendars, and Docket Status Updates (if requested by a Commissioner).

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. NorthWestern Energy N2008.6.73 (Eric D)

On June 30, 2008, NorthWestern Energy Corporation (NWE) filed a request for approval to implement a new Therm billing zone. The proposed Therm billing zone is identified as zone 29, and is currently included within the

existing Therm billing zone 13. Implementation of the new Therm billing zone is necessary as the gas flow characteristics on NWE's gas transmission system have recently changed. Implementation of the new Therm billing zone will ensure customers continue to be billed equitably.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

1. NorthWestern Energy (NWE) D2007.7.82 (AI)

On June 25, 2008, NWE filed a motion for protective order to govern access to certain confidential information that it claims was requested by a data request in this docket. Specifically, NWE seeks protection for forecast financial data for the years 2008 through 2012. NWE represents that the data includes forecast revenues, expenses, and margins for the Montana Natural Gas Utility and the information used to calculate such forecast revenues, expenses, and margins, which are included in the a document titled "MT Regulated Gas, 5-Year Business Plan – 2008-2012." NWE asserts that the information is confidential as trade secret.

2. NorthWestern Energy (NWE) D2008.6.69 (AI)

On July 2, 2008, NWE filed a motion for protective order to govern access to certain confidential information that it claims may be requested in this docket. Specifically, NWE seeks protection for state and federal income tax returns. NWE asserts that the information is confidential and protected from disclosure as a matter of law.

3. NorthWestern Energy (NWE) D2008.6.62 (AI)

On June 25, 2008, NWE filed a motion for protective order to govern access to certain confidential information to be filed in this docket. Specifically, NWE seeks protection for details of monthly coal cost information and monthly supporting invoices for the period April 2007 through March 2008 associated with Colstrip Units 3 & 4. Invoice information to be protected includes monthly commodity cost, transportation, royalty, and adjustments.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

D2008.6.69 – NorthWestern Corporation – Application for approval of its interest in Colstrip Unit 4 as an electricity supply resource under certain terms and conditions including certain treatment of net operating losses

D2008.6.70 – Northwestern Energy – Monthly natural gas cost rate adjustment for July 1, 2008

D2008.6.71 – Cenex Pipeline, LLC – Proposed Tariff – Montana PSC No. 25 – Increase in tariff rate for Montana delivery points

D2008.6.72 – Front Range Pipeline, LLC, Proposed Tariff – Montana PSC No. 19 – Increase in tariff rate for Montana delivery points

N2008.6.73 – NorthWestern Energy – Therm Billing Zone – Natural gas transmission pipeline